

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at column 8, line 14 with the following:

A modified embodiment of the locking mechanism is shown in ~~[[FIG. 8]]~~ FIG. 9. Here the locking wheel 46 is embodied as a ratchet wheel. The locking bar 48 is embodied as a pawl. This makes it unnecessary to trigger the pull magnet each time the locking wheel 46 is to be indexed onward. The locking bar 48 is spring-loaded toward the locking wheel 46. It enables a rotation of the ratchet wheel 46 in the clockwise direction (arrow 70) for rotating the piston 21 and thus actuating the distributor. In the opposite direction (arrow 71), however, any rotation is blocked, so that the pumping operation can be performed. It is now necessary to actuate the lifting magnet 51 only in a very few exceptional cases.